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Is CIA Penetrating America?

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 WASHINGTON—Since the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was created in the aftermath of World War II, 150 resolutions have been introduced in Congress to bring it under more effective control, but nothing has ever come of these efforts.

Now, as a result of a series of accidental disclosures, interest in finding some means of reining in this "invisible government" has suddenly revived, and this time there seems to be greater determination to do something about it.

Many of the most powerful senators, ranging from Sen. Mike Mansfield, the majority leader, to Sen. J. William Fulbright, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, are clearly concerned over the virtually unsupervised operations of the CIA.

The present disturbed attitude on the "Hill" is prompted by the revelations that the CIA is operating within as well as without the U. S. and that it has penetrated (if not

seduced) the American intellectual community.

At this point nobody really knows the extent of this penetration. We do know that it has had contracts and clandestine associations with at least two of our largest universities.

It has been taken for granted that the CIA would try to exert influence on foreign publications (that's part of the propaganda battle in the cold war) but, until a day or two ago, there was no intimation that the CIA also was working on the American public through unknown connections with U. S. publications.

It now turns out that the leading article in the latest issue of "Foreign Affairs" was written by a full-time official of the CIA (George A. Carver Jr.), although his CIA connection was not disclosed.

"Foreign Affairs" has international standing. It ballyhooed the Carver article ("The Faceless Viet Cong"), and presented it as a scholarly, detached essay on Vietnam by a disinterested expert.

The magazine described Mr.

Carver to its subscribers as a "student of political theory and Asian affairs, with degrees from Yale and Oxford, and former officer in the U. S. Aid Mission in Saigon."

Mr. Carver's article is an elaborate effort to fortify the Administration's charges that the National Liberation Front is a mere puppet of Hanoi, and no doubt it reflects his sincere views. But sincere or not, it adds up to a powerful piece of pro-Administration propaganda.

There was no way of the reader knowing that Mr. Carver secretly was very much an "interested" party.

As with the universities, this raises the question of whether this is an isolated case, or is the CIA secretly feeding other "authoritative" articles to other magazines. If so, how does the public defend itself against such hidden propaganda?

This is what concerns Senator Fulbright, who was responsible for discovering the author's CIA connection. He has already discussed the case with Adm. William F. Raborn, the CIA director, and expects to push the inquiry further.